

Remarks/Arguments

The Office Action provisionally rejected claims 1-54 of the application as claiming the same invention of claims 1-54 of copending Application No. 09/922,577. A Notice of Abandonment in the copending application was mailed June 22, 2004. Therefore, this provisional double patenting rejection is believed to be inapplicable.

In addition, the Office Action rejected Claims 9 and 29 of the application under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,801,164 to Mosch. The foregoing amendments to the claims are requested entry and are submitted to distinguish the invention of Claims 9 and 29 over the Mosch reference. Specifically, the Mosch reference does not disclose a window latch comprising, in combination with other claimed elements, a housing including a support wall extending across the center of the housing. Such a construction enables use of lightweight, durable materials, as explained in detail in the original application at Page 11, line 9 to Page 13, line 23, and elsewhere. Therefore, counsel submits that Claims 9 and 29 and their dependents are allowable in view of the foregoing amendments to the claims.

Thus, Counsel for the Applicant submits that by this amendment he has placed the case in condition for immediate allowance and such action is respectfully requested. However, if any

issue remains unresolved, Counsel would welcome the opportunity for a telephone interview to expedite allowance and issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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